



Shine Relief Prayer

Psalm 24

A Psalm of David. The Glorious King

So wake up, you living gateways! Lift up your heads, you ageless doors of destiny! Welcome the King of Glory, for he is about to come through you (TPT)

Prayer for Shine Village 2019



Shine Village has eight residents who were first identified to the Social Welfare through our Early Years groups. These groups support children aged 2-5 years and have been running across the region since 2010. They have helped bring to light many neglected children caring for their siblings without adult supervision, lacking basic education, with some having never attended school. Shine Village Early Years has 175 preschool children attending every day and a further 200 attend Shine funded centers in surrounding villages.

Over the past six years Shine has worked with local volunteers to improve childcare and preschool education and they now delivers a comprehensive pre-school programme to children living in isolated villages. Children learn in both Chichewa and English from an early age, which has long lasting benefits. These safe and vibrant learning environments have encouraged parents to invest in their young children's education rather than taking them to work in the fields.

Six of the eight girls who arrived at Shine Village in September came through Shine Early Years programme. The two remaining girls are from villages further afield which have no preschool intervention. Neither attended primary school.

Over the coming years, as we partner with more Community Based Organisations (CBO's) and schools in the area, we will discover more children who have been overlooked. Shine Village will establish more homes to support the most vulnerable.

Current Prayer requests

Shine Village Project was established through prayers and gifts from the body of Christ. We take seriously our responsibility to steward the finances given. Please pray for our teams.

Please pray for the Malawi trustee board: Alfred, Veronica, Paul, Dellings, Joseph and Hastings for wisdom and strength and for Suzen who oversees the project and the church.

Shine UK board Phil, Debbie, Paul, Vanessa and Paul as they work together to raise funds whilst helping to build the work on the ground in Malawi. Please pray for the Project Manager Debbie as she plans fundraising events and makes applications to trusts.

Please pray for our small team in New Zealand as they raise funds to provide bursaries for students and support for the growing church.

The Early Years team Please pray for Sheila, Grace, Mercy, Beatrice, Lucy, Agnes, Sikani, Beatrice, Mercy and Hawa. Pray for Mercy and Anthony who oversee these teams and for the resources needed- chairs and tables, books and toys.

Most families in our area are unable to afford school fees due to rising living costs and government support cuts. Shine provides a bursary to a small group of students who attend our programmes. We are seeing our young people leading others in the community, as the younger children look to them for inspiration. Some have been teaching little children in the villages where they live. Exams are coming up so please ask for strength as students focus during the next months.

Food security

Malawi has experienced its worst food security crisis in over a decade, with 6.5 million people, including 3.5 million children, in need of food assistance in 24 districts. This represents 39 per cent of the country's population and the needs vary across the affected districts.

Shine Village and the surrounding villages have struggled over the years due to poor harvests due to the lack of rains. People in the community harvested just one bag of maize for the year. Please pray for this year's harvest and support needed for the community to get back on its feet. Pray for funds to set up businesses at Shine Village

Please pray for businesses which need to be established to finance the work

1. Brickmaking (to see to the community and build further infrastructures at Shine Village)
2. Moringa tree (leaves will be harvested and used to supplement meals and oil produced from the seeds will be sold locally and further afield)

Please pray for the church as it reaches out to the Yawo people in the district

The Yawo are a matrilineal and largely matrilocal society. Family leadership roles are passed down through the female's family and upon marriage, a husband moves to his wife's village, where he remains somewhat of an outsider. Divorce rates are high and polygamy is common. Malawi's Yawo have a low literacy rate compared to that of other ethnic groups in the country.

Respect and politeness are highly regarded among the Yawo and are taught to each generation during the initiation process.

The Yawo have their own system of traditional governance, sorting out problems in local village courts, although ultimately, the Malawian government holds political and legal authority.

After being introduced to Islam in the late 1800s by Swahili-Arab slave traders, the Yawo converted to Islam and many began practicing Islam and their traditional religion in parallel. Today, Yawo Muslims belong predominantly to one of two groups of Muslims, both of which are Sunni. One group is Sufi in belief and practice and are known as the Qadiriyya. This group combines Islam with traditional African religion, using traditional medicines and talismans for protection from sorcery and witchcraft, as well as for healing and obtaining good fortune. The other group is largely anti-Sufi and more scripturalist in their approach to Islam.

Bible studies and other outreach methods are being used to share the Gospel with the Yawo, though there are still relatively few Muslim background believers.

The Yawo are a resistant people group. They have insulated themselves from responding to Christian witness by maintaining their unified language, cultural and religious differences. Although their Chewa neighbors have been Christianized for many years (since David Livingstone and early missionaries entered Malawi), the Yawo have remained virtually unreached and have not responded to evangelism by the Chewa. In general, the Chewa have not reached out to the Yawo using culturally appropriate methods. Along with deep spiritual needs, the Yawo also suffer from physical needs. HIV/AIDS has been a serious problem in Malawi, though in recent years increased education, awareness and aid have proved profitable (statistically). Malaria and malnutrition are two other physical challenges the Yawo face.

Want to join us for prayer ?

Monday Prayer @ the Irvin's 7.30pm-8.30pm (Please call to confirm as the venue may change)

14th January, 11th February, 11th March, 15th April, 13th May, 10th June, 8th July

Please contact Deborah Irvin 07762243302 for more details.